

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—How many travelling libraries are there started by Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction).—At present only one at Ayilore.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Adur).—In which all places does that library travel?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction).—It is the area round about Ayilore, about 4 or 5 square miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—May I know the nature of the work of these travelling libraries?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction).—There is only one travelling library which is tried as an experiment. There is a bookchest which is sent from place to place and out of which members can borrow and the books have to be returned on a particular date. This travelling library is getting an additional aid from Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—May I know whether in the experience of the Government this travelling library is working successfully?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction).—It is only just a year since it was started. It is not possible to say whether it is successful.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—Has the Government in their contemplation the starting of any other travelling library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction).—If villages cannot be effectively served by libraries of their own, they will more or less adopt travelling libraries in course of time which will be cheaper also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—Is the travelling library which is now worked as an experiment anything different from the village library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction).—It is different in the sense that the books are sent from one village to the other.

Curriculum—Schools—particulars regarding.

31. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Wadakkancheri).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in the curriculum of studies for our schools there is anything which will foster in the student an inclination for village uplift;

(b) whether anything with that object is now taught in our schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes; instruction in co-operation, physiology and hygiene, gardening, handicraft, first aid, scouting, etc., is given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know in which section of the department of education this instruction is given? Is it in all the sections, primary, secondary and collegiate?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Beyond the general instruction issued to all teachers to give instruction in first aid and gardening, the rest is confined to secondary classes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—What is the experience of the Government regarding the working of these branches in the primary classes, whether they work successfully or not?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—With regard to handicraft, first aid and gardening, they have been working successfully.

Secretary—Muslim Education Committee.

32. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Will the Government state who the present Secretary of the Muslim Education Committee is?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—**Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen, M. L. C.**

Mr. President, I must try to qualify that answer. I must say that the information of the Government is Mr. Kunhi Moideen. The Association is not a registered one and it does not keep the Government informed of its personnel. It is very rarely that Government hears anything from them. I wrote to the Muslim Association to let me know as to who the Secretary was. I received no reply. I wrote to the ex-Secretary who gave me this information—the information that is furnished.